



# **DoD Qualification Program Update**

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# ***Preview***

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# ***Qualification Defined***

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- **Examine and test products, processes, or materials of manufacturers and distributors**
- **Determine conformance to specification requirements**
- **In advance of, and independent of, an acquisition**



# ***Qualification Lists***

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- **Qualified Products List (QPL)** - a list of products meeting DoD qualification requirements
- **Qualified Manufacturers List (QML)** - a list of qualified processes, materials, and/or manufacturing operations (production lines) that can be used to build a wide array of products meeting the requirements in the applicable specification



# ***Authority***

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**10 United States Code 2452: “...  
the Secretary of Defense shall  
establish, publish, review, and  
revise, within the DoD, military  
specifications, standards and  
Lists of Qualified Products...”**



# ***Authority***

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**Federal Acquisition Regulation,  
Subpart 9.2 defines qualification  
requirement as a Government  
requirement for testing or other  
quality assurance demonstration  
that must be completed before  
award of a contract (implements  
10 USC 2319)**



# ***Guidance***

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**DoD 4120.24-M: Defense  
Standardization Program (DSP)  
Policies and Procedures, March  
2000, Appendix 2**

**SD-6: Provisions Governing  
Qualification, August 1999**

**SD-20: The DoD Qualification  
Program,  
January 2002**



# ***Benefits***

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- **Streamlines procurement process**
- **Reduces acquisition costs**
- **Reduces unit product costs**
- **Improves readiness**
- **Establishes sources and promotes competition**





# ***DoD Program Scope***

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- **QPLs - Total of 802**

<b>Army</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Navy</b>	<b>342</b>
<b>Air Force</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>DLA</b>	<b>238</b>

- **QMLs - Total of 6**

<b>DLA</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Navy</b>	<b>2</b>

- **NGS (SAE) QPLs - Total of 31**



# ***Policy Memo***

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- **Policy Memo:**
  - **DoDIG review of DoD Qualification Program**
  - **Clarify terminology**



# ***Future Database***

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- **Development of a DoD-wide qualification management process**
- **Capability to create/update QPLs online**
- **Emphasis on user requirements**
- **Implementation: 2005**



# ***Internal Audit***

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- **Purpose: Health assessment**
- **Results:**
  - **Many QPLs need updating**
  - **Certifications behind schedule**
  - **Many QPLs have zero/one source**
- **Bottom Line: We need to clean up the data before loading it into the new database**



# ***Qualification Summary***

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